

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Cotton and Soybean Harvest Continues*

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RELEASED: November 8, 1999 3:00 p.m.. A cold front early in the week brought much needed rain to most of the state and a bout of sub-freezing temperatures. Even with the sub-freezing temperatures the average temperatures for the week were well above normal. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 31 percent short, 56 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting cotton (some second pickings) and soybeans and planting wheat. Other activities included preparing land for the planting of annual forages, land leveling, liming pastures, bush hogging, fields were being subsoiled and plowed.

CROPS: All crop harvests were winding down as weather conditions remained excellent for the remaining crops. Winter wheat seeding was well underway with some spotty stands. Spraying fields and pastures for armyworms were reported in the state. Fertilizing pastures and shredding of cotton stalks were also reported.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Many farmers were feeding supplemental hay early this year because of the drought like conditions. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle. Poultry houses were also being cleaned.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Mature	100	100	100					
Harvested	100	100	100					
COTTON								
Harvested	98	94	88					
SOYBEANS				11	18	29	31	11
Shedding	97	100	98					
Harvested	86	87	77					
CORN								
Harvested	100	100	100					
WHEAT				0	2	21	59	18
Planted	77	76	70					
Emerged	47	48	49					
ALFALFA				14	31	43	12	0
OTH. HAY				15	35	33	17	0
PASTURE				16	38	37	9	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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